

## CAPT. W. S. LURTY IS A BRIDEGROOM.

He Wedded Miss Annie Shepard Yesterday.

### THE CEREMONY A QUIET ONE.

After a Trip to Philadelphia the Captain and Bride Will Return to Richmond and Later Will Visit Cuba.

Captain Warren S. Lurty, of Harrisonburg, and Miss Annie Empte Sheppard were married at 2:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, at the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. Kate Sheppard, No. 61 east Leigh street.

The officiating clergymen were Bishop F. M. Whittle and Rev. W. Meade Clarke, rector of St. James church.

#### A QUIET CEREMONY.

Owing to the fact that the marriage took place literally in the shadow of death, the utmost simplicity was observed, and no invitations were issued. With the exception of Mr. Joshua Peterkin, Mrs. Constance Peterkin, those who witnessed the solemn ceremony were exclusively members of the household and family. Mr. John L. Williams was best man, the bride being given away by Mr. Wm. L. Sheppard. Immediately after the ceremony Captain and Mrs. Lurty left for the wedding trip, upon which they are followed by peculiarly warm good wishes.

DISTINGUISHED BRIDEGROOM.—Captain Lurty and his bride will visit Philadelphia. Upon their return they will spend a month in Richmond and then visit Cuba.

Captain Lurty is a distinguished lawyer of the Valley. He was once district attorney and ran on the Republican ticket for Attorney General in 1882, the year General Mahone made his famous canvass for Governor. His bride is highly esteemed by all who know her. She is a sister of the late Mrs. Alex. E. Giddings.

Captain Lurty's first wife died some years ago.

#### RICHARDSON—MANONIA.

The wedding of Mr. John D. Richardson and Miss Blanche of the little Manonia took place at the home of the bride, No. 216 East Franklin street. Rev. Mr. Goodwin, rector of St. John's, officiated. The bride was attired in a neat brown tailor-made suit. Messrs. Frank Richardson and Arthur Chandler acted as ushers. After partaking of an elegant supper the young couple left for the South.

The bride is a pretty and accomplished lady of the East End. Mr. Richardson is a valued employee of the Southern Railroad.

### ELEGANT COUNTRY WEDDING.

James L. Wise, of Lexington, and Miss Clara Dinges, of Frederick.

WINCHESTER, VA., Dec. 21.—Special.—The Presbyterian church at Greenway, Prince William county, was the scene of a most beautiful wedding yesterday. The bride, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Low, and Mr. Almon Hardaway, of Blackstone, Nottoway county, Virginia, was married by the pastor, Rev. Mr. McClellan. The bride was becomingly attired in a wedding gown of plain white silk, and the maid of honor wore cream silk with blue ribbon and lace. Messrs. Douglass and Shryock Low, brothers of the bride, were the ushers. The church was handsomely decorated with terms and pointed plumes.

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#### SHERATON—TAYLOR.

WEST APHICOTTON, VA., Dec. 21.—Special.—The wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Sheraton, a former resident of the town, took place yesterday afternoon in the Hebrew Baptist church, ten miles from here. The groom was Mr. Frank W. Stratton, a son of Mr. J. Stratton, a prominent citizen of this city, and the bride was Miss Anna Sheraton, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sheraton. The ceremony was performed by the pastor, Rev. Mr. McClellan. The bride was becomingly attired in a wedding gown of plain white silk, and the maid of honor wore cream silk with blue ribbon and lace. Messrs. Douglass and Shryock Low, brothers of the bride, were the ushers. The church was handsomely decorated with terms and pointed plumes.

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The State Railways Commission will ask the Legislature to give it power to fix Pullman car rates. It now has no power to make these or even to assess Pullman property.

#### THE FALLING OF A WALL.

Reported Further Big Deals in the Blue Wing Copper Section.

OXFORD, N. C., Dec. 21.—Special.—A portion of the wall on the northern side of the large four-story brick building occupied by Taylor & Company, as a carriage factory, gave way and fell from the roof to the ground on Sunday, seriously damaging the building but fortunately no one was in it when this occurred.

Arrangements are being made to hold appropriate services at the Oxford Asylum in memory of the late J. H. Miller, who established and was first superintendent of this great and noble institution, which has at this time under its care more than two hundred homeless children. The programme will not be completed until after the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Masons in January. It is thought that many Masons and prominent citizens from elsewhere would deem it a privilege to be present and take part in the memorial service to this distinguished and greatly beloved man.

Judge A. W. Grimwood is in Boston and it is said that he expects to consummate another big deal in the copper mines of the Blue Wing section, embracing several mines in North Carolina and Georgia.

Young's New Discovery for Consumption.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. Carson, of Greene Memorial M. E. church.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas will reside in Roanoke.

T. W. Dunkelberger, of the Roanoke Machine Works, was married to-night at the First Baptist church, to Miss Maude Powers, Rev. Mr. Shippman officiated and was assisted by Rev. Dr. Thomas C. Carter, pastor of the United Brethren church.

#### LICENSED TO WED.

The check of the Hastings Court yesterday issued marriage licenses to the following partners:

Mr. Thomas L. Moore and Miss Lula W. Carter.

Mr. James L. Rogers and Miss Emma G. Wade.

#### CARPETS FOR CHRISTMAS.

At George W. Anderson & Sons' carpet house No. 124 East Main street many useful Christmas presents can be found. The well-established house carries a full line of goods, and they can justly feel proud of it.

The following is a list of the useful Christmas presents to be had here, have a service side to them. Take for instance a Persian rug, a Smyrna rug, a pair of handsome Portieres, a set of lace curtains, a nice rug or a useful carpet sweater, any of which would be useful and an acceptable Christmas remembrance.

#### STEINWAY & KNAVE PIANOS.

Also Hardman, Kimball, Standard and other famous pianos. Open every evening during Xmas until 10 o'clock. Walter D. Moses & Co., 1005 Main street.

#### FOR MEN WHO SMOKE.

If you care to shop for cigars or smokers' outfit with comfort during the holiday and go where no guesswork is required, Jas. L. Rowe, the cigar and smokers' supply store on Broad street, is just the place.

Mr. Rowe has been in the business a long time, and knows it from beginning to end. He can help select a cigar or a pipe, and one that will come right up to reasonable expectation.

The store is full of acceptable Christmas gifts for men in the smoking line, and everything is new. Cigars in packages just coming for the holidays, pipes in fancy cases, and cigar and cigarette holders of all kinds and styles are in stock.

#### CHRISTMAS AT HAND.

Its Coming Stimulates Trade to a Considerable Extent.

The proximity of Christmas has given an impulse to trade most refreshing to the merchants. For several days the streets have been crowded from early in the morning until late at night with shoppers, dashing through stores selecting pretty gifts and purchasing the wherewithal for substantial Christmas dinners.

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## THE GEOLOGY OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Report of Geologist Holmes to the State Board.

### RELATING TO GOOD ROADS.

Thirty Counties in the State Have Adopted Improved Methods of Road Working—The State Auditor Makes His Report.

RALEIGH, N. C., December 21.—Special.—State Geologist Holmes has made his annual report to the Geological Board. It is very full. Two extracts from it are as follows:

"The work of the survey during the year ending November 1, 1898, has been carried forward in accordance with plans submitted and discussed at the meeting of this board a year ago. Subsequent to that time an opportunity was presented for our undertaking two new lines of work—(1) the establishment of magnetic meridian posts and the beginning of a magnetic survey of the State, and (2) the investigation as to the rate of growth under different conditions of the short-leaf pine, the principal timber of Eastern North Carolina."

"The extent and nature of this investigation in connection with both of these subjects are described below. It is encouraging to note that in many portions of the State there has been during the past few months greater interest and activity manifested in connection with tanning, water power and timber development than at any time for years past. This is due to the fact that the work done by the State has been of great benefit to the people."

"The labor of the postoffice officials has become very burdensome, also, and will continue to increase for the next few days."

QUESTION OF ROADS.

"The question as to the best and most economic methods of improving the public roads of the State, the character and distribution of the best materials for macadamizing roads, have attracted an increasing amount of attention during the past few years. The State Auditor has not yet reported on investigations concerning the road materials, but has also given a large amount of information concerning the methods of road building, and we have now nearly ready for publication a report giving a large amount of information concerning these subjects. Already more than thirty counties in the State have adopted, in part at least, the policy of working roads by taxation, and there is every reason to believe that as the approaching session of the General Assembly is still larger number of counties will wish to be added to this list."

The United States Circuit Court in session here has taken a recess until February 1st.

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